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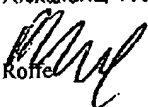
Applicant herewith submits a list of a single reference of which the applicant is aware. Since this application was filed after June 30, 2003, the requirement for a copy of the U.S. patent has been waived.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better prior art exists. While the term "reference" is used in citing the publication called to the Examiner's attention herein, applicant does not make any admission that it is a "prior art" reference within the meaning of the statutory and case law.

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Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner independently determine the pertinence of the reference cited herein.

An Office Action on the merits has not been received to date. Therefore, no fee is due for the submission of this Information Disclosure Statement.

It is respectfully requested that the reference be considered and made of record.

Respectfully submitted,

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